



Alpha Dressage News

February 2019

"Some succeed because they are destined to, but most succeed because they are determined to." - Henry Van Dyke

*"The rider must listen into the horse, in order to judge when the moment for an aid has come, which aid is needed and how intense it must be. He must know how to create or wait for the right circumstances, to prepare the horse."
~ Gustav von Dreyhausen*

"It is important in training to always start with easy exercises and also to end with easy exercises that the rider and horse understand. This helps build confidence in both horse and rider." -

Dan Mohl Receives First Para-Dressage Grant



The Dressage Foundation is pleased to announce that its inaugural Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund Grants have been awarded to Dan Mohl (FL) and Mia Rodier-Dawallo (CA).

Dan will be using his \$1,000 grant to train at Carlisle Academy Integrative Equine Therapy and Sports in Maine. "I would like to thank TDF for this support in following my dream of competing again in Para-Dressage. This grant will allow me to train and learn with the wonderful coaches at Carlisle Academy. It is wonderful that TDF gives us the opportunity to reach our goals."

Mia intends to use her \$1,000 grant for two clinics; first at the CalNet Disabled Rider Horse Show and then the Fall Para-Dressage Clinic. She shared, "To the benevolent donors and affiliates of The Dressage Foundation, I want to give thanks from the bottom of my heart. The clinics I will be able to attend with this grant will help me immensely on my journey to achieve my ultimate goal of making it to the Olympics. I am so honored to have been chosen to receive this support and will take every action possible to succeed by you."

The purpose of the Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund, seeded by a gift from the Lowell Boomer Family Charitable Remainder Unitrust, is to provide financial support for para-dressage riders to attend educational events that will enable them to receive training to help them reach their riding and competition goals.

A complete link to the press release is [here](#). Please congratulate Dan, one of our very own dedicated ADA members for his significant accomplishment. We're very proud of him!

Minutes from the January 15th meeting

Thank you very much Betty for hosting, it is always a great time!

Board members present: Robin, Martha, Linda, Ulrike.

Robin started the meeting and announced that the Fruitville library is not available for us in Feb, March, April and May. So, we will have our meeting in February in Robins barn and Deb will demonstrate the Meridian Technique which is part of the Masterson Method. In March we will have the meeting at Robin's Veterinary clinic and are tentatively planning to have a demo by a horse appraiser. In April we will have the meeting in Panther ridge at Suzy (Jennings?) place and we will get a western dressage drill demo. In May we might have another meeting at Robin's clinic. Please check your email and the website for updates as we finalize the schedule.

The Janet Foy clinic is going according to the plan. The ring is still on the trailer at triple J. No tarp so far. Everybody needs to bring their own food!

We are planning to go to the fundraiser of the Big Cat Habitat on Saturday the 19th as a group. Robin will send out an email for everybody to sign up for it!

We still have a problem with the March show. We do need a show venue. Several options were mentioned and we tried to reach out to the facilities. *(Editor's note: Since the meeting Triple J has granted us different day, Saturday March 16th for a show.)*

In our schooling shows we decided that a prize will be only given if there are at least 3 people in the class. Riders will still get the ribbons!

We still need more advertising sponsors for the website's Resources page!!

We decided to contact Kelly Layne see if she would be available to give a clinic in Sarasota in November. Kelly Layne is an Australian GP rider who lives in Wellington! The date will probably be Nov 16th.

February 12, 2019 Meeting

As noted above, our meeting will occur at Robin Sego's barn where Deb Herbert will demonstrate a simple technique using the Masterson Method Bladder Meridian to relax and release tension in your horse that can be done once a week. This will be a hands-on demo!

The address is **2679 Ranch Club Blvd** in Myakka City.

Directions: Take Fruitville road to the end, turn left on Verna for about 1 mile, then right on Singletary for about 1 mile, and then take the north entrance into Sarasota Ranch Club. The gate code to get in is **4976**. Go to the end of the road and take the little road that goes off to the right at the end of the cul de-sac. It is a 2- story blue house. The gate code is **2018#**. Robin's number is **322-0494** or **735-1136** if you have a problem.

Janet Foy Clinics in Sarasota

The first Janet Foy clinic was this past weekend at the lovely Royal Oak Ranch & Equestrian Center. Thank you, Shannon Feinroth, for your hospitality! The weather was lovely and there were some great rides. Both riders and auditors received useful information and instruction from Janet. Due to the forecast for rain all day Sunday, Amanda Lopez-Jones offered her covered arena for Sunday's rides. Horses were stabled at Royal Oak and the riders and their mounts "van-pooled" over to Amanda's for their rides on Sunday. Thank you, Amanda, for accommodating everyone on such short notice.



JANET FOY, TANYA EYLES RIDING GABE

The second clinic will be March 23 and 24, 2019.

Any riders needing to cancel for any reason will need to find a replacement rider. Please contact Martha Koehnlein at 941-320-7673 to notify her of your intent to have a substitute rider.

Janet is a USEF "S" dressage judge, a FEI "I" judge, and an USEF Sporthorse "R" breeding judge. She has judged at all major shows in the United States, national championships and CDI***/W in Guatemala, England, Colombia, Costa Rica, Barbados, Canada, Poland, Australia, and Mexico, as well as the FEI World Cup League Finals for the United States, Canada, and Australia.



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Upcoming Events...

Mar. 9-10th, 2019: Fox Lea Dressage Show

Mar. 16, 2019 ADA Schooling Show at Triple J

Mar. 23-24th, 2019: Janet Foy Clinic at Royal Oak

Mar. 30th, 2019: SWFDA Schooling Show

April 6-7th, 2019: Fox Lea Dressage Show

May 5th, 2019: ADA Schooling Show at Triple J

Aug 24-25th, 2019: Fox Lea Dressage Show





Alpha Dressage Association
Membership application for 2019
Membership runs from Dec. 1, 2018 – Nov. 30, 2019

NAME: _____
Adult _____ Junior (18 & under) _____ Date of birth for juniors _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PREFERRED PHONE: _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adult: \$40.00 \$ _____

Junior \$30.00 \$ _____

Please enclose \$10.00 for a group subscription to HORSE & PONY \$ _____

(If wanted) TOTAL \$ _____

Please make checks payable to *Alpha Dressage Association*.

Alpha Dressage Association is a USDF Group Member Organization; its members are automatically USDF Group Members.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

GUARDIAN SIGNATURE OF JUNIOR APPLICANT _____

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ALPHA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE SPONSORSHIP

ADA WILL POST YOUR BUSINESS CARD ON OUR WEBSITE FOR \$50 PER CALENDAR YEAR.

THE BUSINESS CARDS WILL BE GROUPED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

1. **Barns/Boarding**
2. **Lessons/Trainers**
3. **Retail:** Tack stores, Feed stores, Equipment, etc.
4. **Equine Professional Services:** Veterinarians, Farriers, Chiropractor or Massage, Clipping, Hauling, Property Maintenance, etc.
5. **Other Professional Services/Businesses:** Insurance, Entertainment, etc.
6. **Miscellaneous:**

ADA WEBSITE SPONSORSHIP

NAME OF BUSINESS: _____

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: _____

PHONE NUMBER OF CONTACT PERSON: _____

E-MAIL OF CONTACT PERSON: _____

SPONSORSHIP DATES: _____ TO DECEMBER 31, 2019.

Please submit this form, a copy of the business card, and a check made out to Alpha Dressage Association for \$50. Mail to Linda Roberts at 7526 Trillium Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34241. If you have any questions, please contact us at info@alphadressage.org or call Linda at 941-773-4936.

ALPHA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

1. Five ADA dollars will be awarded for each hour of volunteer work performed. You will be responsible for reporting these hours to the volunteer coordinator.
2. These points can be used in the following manner:
 - A. As partial payment for class fees at ADA schooling shows (up to \$10 per class and up to \$30 per show).
 - B. As partial payment toward clinics offered by ADA (up to 30% of the cost of the clinic).
 - C. You can donate them to a pool and we will decide how the money will be used at the end of the year. (ie. sponsorship of a young rider).

Volunteer opportunities for our shows are listed below. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the form and send it in to the show secretary. You can do more than 1 shift. Times are approximate and will depend on the scheduling requirements of the show.

1. Ring set up (Saturday at around 12)_____
2. Scoring: AM shift (8-12)_____ PM Shift(1-5) _____
3. Scribing: AM shift (8-12)_____ PM Shift (1-5)_____
4. Gate/Runner: AM shift (8-12)_____ PM Shift (1-5)_____